UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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OLABISI SALIS

07 CV 5949 (VM)

Plaintiff,

ANSWER TO AMENDED CROSS-CLAIM WITH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

-against-

AMERICAN EXPORT LINES HOEGH AUTOLINERS INC.,

Defendants.

Defendant HOEGH AUTOLINERS INC. ("HOEGH"), by its attorneys, MAHONEY & KEANE, LLP, answers the Cross-Claim of defendant AMERICAN EXPORT LINES Answer upon information and belief as follows:

FIRST: Defendant HOEGH denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "32" and "33" of co-defendant AMERICAN EXPORT LINES' Amended Answer.

SECOND: Defendant HOEGH denies each and every allegation contained in paragraph "34" of co-defendant AMERICAN EXPORT LINES' Amended Answer.

AS AND FOR A FIRST SEPARATE AND COMPLETE AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

THIRD: Defendant, HOEGH AUTOLINERS, INC. repeats, reiterates and makes applicable to Co-defendant AMERICAN EXPORT LINES' Amended Cross Claim each Separate and Complete Affirmative defense in HOEGH AUTOLINERS INC.'s Answer to plaintiff's Amended Complaint as if specifically set forth herein at length.

WHEREFORE, defendant HOEGH AUTOLINERS INC. demands judgment dismissing the Cross Claim herein and awarding defendant HOEGH AUTOLINES INC., costs, fees, including reasonable attorneys fees and disbursements of this action, and further demands judgment against the co-defendant AMERICAN EXPORT LINES for all sums which may be recovered by plaintiff against the defendant HOEGH AUTOLINERS, INC., costs, fees including reasonable attorneys fees and disbursements of this action, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York January 17, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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